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To whom it may concern,

I would like to comment on the proposed settlement in the Microsoft Antitrust Case.

The first thing I would like to say is that from day one I have been appalled that such a thing as the Microsoft Anti-trust Case even exists. It is immoral.

My family and various relatives have been using Microsoft products including MS-DOS, Windows 95, 98, NT, 2000 and Internet Explorer for years. Had I been unhappy with Microsoft products I could have purchased other brands such as Apple with their Apple OS, Sun with their Solaris or Red hat with Linux to name a few. I have never been under the ignorant opinion that there are no other choices for my computing needs. Microsoft products have worked well enough and I've been quite happy with all I could do with them.

Microsoft is extremely successful for good reason. Microsoft products provide a full range of capabilities, have great prices and wonderful availability. It is my reasoned opinion that Microsoft products have been a boon to the citizens of the United States and the world. Microsoft's products have only offered positives to the lives of countless people. Before you think that I am a total Microsoft zealot I will inform you that I have also happily owned and used Sun products (Sun Solaris workstations), Silicon Graphics and Apple products (Macintosh I, II, Quadra 410). I also happily employ the Netscape browser on all three of my PC's.

I strongly hold that Microsoft has the absolute right to freely pursue it's interests in the capitalist market of the United States. This includes their right to bundle their various products any way they see fit. No one, and certainly not our government, has the right to dictate what products Microsoft can produce and must not initiate force against this outstanding company. Microsoft has always providing products and services in the absence of any compulsion. Moreover, Microsoft, unlike the US Government, cannot use force to make people buy it's products. And, since the only legitimate purpose of government is to deter and punish those who use force, the attack on Microsoft because it is successful completely inverts the role of government. The Microsoft Anti-trust case has once again made our government, justly a protector of rights, instead a powerful violator of rights. It is extremely disheartening to see such rampant totalitarianism!

In addition, the antitrust laws being used in an attempt to lynch Microsoft have been called into effect not by citizen's complaints against Microsoft's products, but by Microsoft's unsuccessful competitors. These companies seek

to "win" in the marketplace by resorting to force and not by offering superior products with superior marketing. Moreover, instead of using guns themselves to force consumers to buy their products, these companies seek to use force by proxy, with the US Government acting as their agent. This is truly a despicable attempt to influence the market through the pure use of force. They are employing the very corrupt anti-trust laws, applied by a government on a mistaken crusade to eliminate the infidel (a hugely successful Microsoft), to "win" in the marketplace. This is an unconscionable injustice! This should be the illegal activity which is attacked by a just government. Shame! The Anti-trust laws used by their willing governmental accomplices were unjust at their inception and remain so today. They represent non-objective law. Laws that should not and must not exist.

Individual rights, which also apply to the American businessmen of Microsoft, are not granted by our government. Just government serves only to protect the rights of its citizens. Microsoft has an inalienable right to its products (bundled as they desire) and profits.

Many smart people in the United States Justice Department have created a case against Microsoft based on the subjective egalitarian premise that big is bad. They punish success for being success. They have erred in that they never sought to fully understand the legal premises they employ. To find out whether they are just. They relied instead on a history of precedence generated by a wholly mistaken initial premise. That premise is that force can and should be used to do good. That force should be used to elicit an egalitarian ideal. As if the alleged good of society trumps the rights of innocent individuals. Actually, our government is employing a Marxist socialist concept. The group has rights superior to those of the individual.

Let us place reason firmly in its seat. Leave Microsoft alone to create even better and more successful products for the free American capitalist consumer. Drop this unjust case immediately! No punishment is due Microsoft.

With a great flourish of marketing skill, Microsoft has brought the computer to the world and changed history. All of you persecutors should feel the guilt of your brutish and totally unjust quest to destroy the good because it is good.

Thank you for letting me defend the rights of American businessmen.

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